

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : William W. Smith III, et al.
Application No. : 09/684,010
Filed : October 6, 2000
Title : Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping
Management Functional Alignment of Computer Devices
Grp./Div. : 3629
Examiner : Plucinski, Jamisue A.
Docket No. : PSTM0002/MRK

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2009 regarding the above-identified application, a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and the appropriate fee are concurrently filed herewith. Please enter the amendments, and the response and remarks, as indicated below. The March 17, 2009 Office Action set a three-month time period in which to respond, namely, until June 17, 2009. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment and Response, and the concurrently filed RCE are timely filed within the three-month period set forth by the Office Action because they are filed before the expiration of June 17, 2009. A Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 was previously filed for this case; a courtesy copy of that Declaration and its Exhibits, downloaded from the USPTO PAIR System, is filed with the electronic filing of this Amendment and Response for the Examiner's convenient reference. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the previously-filed Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, the amendments made below, and the responsive remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Response and Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.